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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 2812
MATSUMOTO et al.	)	
Serial No. 09/818,743	)	Examiner: Ghyka, George A.
Filed: March 27, 2001	)	
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND	)	
METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING	)	
THE SAME	)	

**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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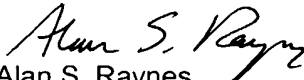
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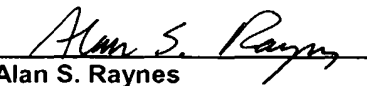
  
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